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1. Between 10 July and 9 August 1951, a total of 33 tanks of various types carrying officers and men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia arrived at the Weisswasser (O 52/A 74) troop training grounds. Specifically, the following shipments were observed at the Weisswasser railroad station:
Morning of 30 July. Three T-34/85 tanks and trucks [redacted] the 25X1
 latter with 20 officers, were detrained and left for Camp Nochten-Boxberg. Source could not determine whether the trucks and the tanks had been on one train.
Evening of 30 July. Fifteen tanks of undetermined type left the railroad station for Camp Nochten-Boxberg.
Morning of 31 July. Five JS tanks and 10 T-34/85 tanks were detrained and departed for the troop camp. A convoy of 15 to 20 trucks, each with 25 soldiers, was seen moving from the direction of Cottbus to Camp Nochten-Boxberg.
Evening of 2 August. Truck [redacted] hauled 5 officers and 18 men with light baggage from the camp to the railroad station, and picked up 20 officers and 3 25X1
 men with baggage at the station.
Morning of 5 August. A train with 5 JS tanks, 1 radio truck and 3 trucks left the Weisswasser railroad station and was seen at the Spremberg railroad station at noon, apparently headed toward Cottbus.
Morning of 7 August. Truck [redacted] picked up 15 officers at the Weisswasser 25X1
 railroad station and drove to the Nochten railroad station. *

2. It was reported that the Soviet units, including tank units, which had stayed in the Reichenbach area had departed for an undetermined destination. No Soviet troops were noticed in the Reichenbach area on 9 August. **

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* Comment. The shipments observed at the Weisswasser railroad station were part of the usual supply and leave program. [redacted] The increasing 25X1
 rate of arrival of individual tanks, probably tanks which were overhauled or tanks belonging to rear units at military posts, indicate that as many troops as possible are to be concentrated for the large-scale division exercises which are believed to start soon.

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** [] Comment. The information is believed to have a bearing on the troop movements observed in the Goerlitz area in early July 1951. Reichenbach is situated about 10 km west of Goerlitz. []

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[] It is possible that the appearance of vehicles of the Northern Group of Forces in Weisswasser may have been linked with a movement of the troops from the Goerlitz area.

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